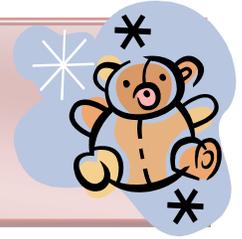




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BEAR Book Activity

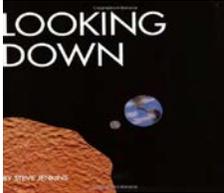
Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



Before Reading

Look at the front cover of the book and ask your child what they see in the picture. Talk with them about what the objects in the picture might represent and about the title. How might someone see this view? Who would they be?

Read Together



Looking Down Steve Jenkins

What does the world look like from miles above? Look at the pictures in the book and create a story about what you see while *Looking Down*.

After Reading

Looking Down with a Magnifying Glass

You will need:

- Magnifying glass

Talk with your child about what they see at the beginning of the book and what they see at the end of the book. Ask them what is happening as the pages are turned and we get closer to the end of the book. Use the magnifying glass to explore objects such as bugs, flowers, leaves, and small toys, and discuss how they might look as part of the book and where they would fit into the story.

Paper Collage

You will need:

- Scraps of different types of paper
- Sheet of paper
- Glue stick

Look at the pictures in the story, they are all made by cutting and gluing paper scraps to a larger sheet of paper. Talk with your child about what the pictures look like and how they were created. Then have your child tear the paper into pieces to create their own torn paper picture on the larger sheet of paper. Tearing paper is a good way for children to build small muscles they need when developing writing skills. Write or tell a story about the picture you created.

Share New Words

- Planet
- Down
- Looking
- Ladybug



Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 *Two Bad Ants* by Chris Van Allsberg
- 📖 *What to do with a Tail Like This* by Steve Jenkins
- 📖 *Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins
- 📖 *Flotsam* by David Wiesner

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